

HOUSE BILL 2622

By Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 21 and Title 38, relative to the
investigation of cold cases from the civil rights era.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) and substituting the following:

(2) The bureau shall be divided into four (4) divisions, the criminal investigation division, the forensic services division, the narcotics investigation division, and the civil rights era cold case division. The director shall have full control over all divisions.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The civil rights era cold case division shall consist of one (1) special agent, one (1) administrative staff member, and one (1) analyst who shall be focused on the investigation of cold cases from the civil rights era.

(b) The director is authorized to assign additional personnel to the civil rights era cold case division.

(c) In the event that all cold cases from the civil rights era are solved, the director shall provide written notification to the chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives and the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate so that the general assembly may consider reallocation of the division's resources.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.